GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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EXPEDITION TO NORTH POLE
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy proposes to undertake an expedition to the North Pole;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the project and its composition;

(c) whether there is also any proposal to undertake such exercises alongwith Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): A team comprising of ten members inclusive of three officers and seven sailors of Indian Navy undertook an expedition to North Pole in the last week of March 2008. The team reached North Pole on 9th April, 2008. An expenditure of Rs.1.19 crore approximately was incurred on this expedition. This includes the expenditure on support agency fee, food, flag off/in, team kits, special clothes and equipment, travel, leading working up etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.